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Foreword

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3 Definitions

Add a new definition

(to become 3.6 and renumber the rest of the definitions of clause 3):

3.6

exposed edges

edges intended to be used and gripped by a child during the use of the toy (e.g. doors, windows, shutters, ladders, steps, *handrails*, retaining sides for *slide*, seat)

Amend 3.13 (now 3.14) as follows:

3.14

swing

structure incorporating a *crossbeam*, *suspension connectors* and a swing device with swing element, suspension coupling and means of suspension (see Figure 2)



Key:

- 1 Swing device
- 2 Crossbeam
- 3 Suspension connector
- 4 Suspension coupling
- 5 Means of suspension
- 6 Swing element (e.g. seat, rings, bar, gondola)

Figure 2 — Diagrammatic representation of a swing

4 Requirements

Amend 4.1.2 to read:

4.1.2 Maximum height (see A.9)

There shall be no part of the *activity toy* that has been designed to encourage the child to climb, sit or stand on which is over a height of 2 500 mm when measured from the ground.

Amend 4.1.5 as follows:

(additional requirement for climbing nets):

4.1.5 Climbing and swinging ropes

Ropes used for climbing and swinging shall have the following diameters:

Ropes fixed at both ends	diameter between 18 mm and 45 mm
Ropes used in climbing nets	diameter between 10 mm and 45 mm
Free-hanging ropes fixed at upper end	diameter between 25 mm and 45 mm

Amend 4.2.2 as follows:

(Changes in title; 2nd para; b); c); d); e); f); new h); Figure 3). Unchanged: a); g).

4.2.2 Ladders and similar means of access to toys (see A.10)

These requirements do not apply to toys with a *platform* height of 600 mm or less.

Ladders and similar means of access to toys shall comply with the requirements in items a) to h).

- a) Any opening shall comply with 4.3.1 (head and neck *entrapment*, probes C and D and test template E).
- b) Where a ladder or a stair is used, the lateral width of the tread or rung shall be 240 mm or more (see Figure 3 a).
- c) The distance between the upper surfaces of the treads or rungs shall not exceed 310 mm, when measured vertically in accordance with Figure 3 b).

This requirement does not apply to the vertical distance between the ground and the upper surface of the first step.

- d) The surface of the tread shall not be slippery. This can be achieved by corrugation of the steps or by the use of other types of materials.
- e) When ladders are provided with rungs, the maximum cross sectional dimension of the rungs shall be not less than 16 mm and not more than 45 mm.
- f) The depth of treads on closed step ladders shall be 120 mm or more.
- g) The inclination for ladders that are fixed to the toy shall be between 55° and 90° to the horizontal
- h) Ladders with a height of 1 200 mm or more shall be provided with *handrails* from a height of 600 mm from the ground to the top of the platform (see Figure 3 a). This requirement does not apply to ladders with rungs.

Dimensions in millimetres



Figure 3 a)



Figure 3 b)

Figure 3 – Dimensions of ladders

Amend 4.3.1, a) as follows: (addition of the word 'all')

4.3.1 Head and neck entrapment

a) All *accessible* completely bound openings with a lower *edge* of 600 mm or more above the ground, or above any other surface which is of such a size that it will support a child, shall, if they allow passage of probe C (see Figure 10), also allow passage of probe D (see Figure 11) when tested in accordance with 6.5.1 (head and neck *entrapment* in completely bound openings).

Amend 4.4 as follows:

(additional words in title and in the NOTE):

4.4 Stability of activity toys other than slides, swings and toys with crossbeams, and seesaws

NOTE Stability requirements for *slides* are given in 4.5.1, for *swings* and other activity toys with *crossbeams* in 4.6.1, and for see-saws in 4.7.1.

Amend 4.5.2 as follows:

(new b); changes in a) and c)): Figure 5 unchanged.

4.5.2 Retaining sides for slides (see A.13)

Retaining sides for *slides* shall comply with the following (see Figure 5):

- a) For *slides* with a height of more than 1 500 mm measured from the ground, the height (*h*) of the retaining sides shall be 100 mm or more.
- b) For *slides* with a height between 1 000 mm and 1 500 mm measured from the ground, the height (*h*) of the retaining sides shall be 75 mm or more.
- c) For *slides* with a height of 1 000 mm or less measured from the ground, the height (*h*) of the retaining sides shall be 50 mm or more.

Retaining sides are not required for the run-out section.

Amend 4.5.3 as follows:

Change in c: new first indent added. Change in e): radius changed. Corresponding changes introduced in figure 6 and key. Rest of 4.5.3 unchanged).

4.5.3 Starting, sliding and run-out section on slides

- c) The starting section shall be provided with *handrails* in order to provide assistance to the child coming from the stair/ladder into the sitting position.
 - For slides with a height less than 600 mm, the height of the handrail shall be 100 mm or more.
 - For *slides* with a height between 600 mm and 1 000 mm, the height of the *handrail* shall be 150 mm or more.
 - For *slides* with a height between 1 000 mm and 1 800 mm, the height of the *handrail* shall be 350 mm or more.
 - For *slides* with a height exceeding 1 800 mm, the height of the *handrail* shall be 500 mm or more.
- e) The finishing end of the run-out section shall have a radius of 25 mm or more. This requirement does not apply to *slides* where the run-out section ends 50 mm or less from the ground.